

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

**JOHN TAYLOR,**

**Plaintiff**

**V.**

**JVC AMERICAS CORPORATION**

## Defendant

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**Civil Action No. 07-4059(FSH)**

**:ORDER ON INFORMAL APPLICATION &  
:THIRD AMENDED PRETRIAL  
:SCHEDULING ORDER**

**THIS MATTER** having come before the Court for a telephone status conference on the record on October 22, 2008; and the parties advising the Court of the status of discovery and the need to extend deadlines associated with class certification discovery and motion practice only; and for the reasons discussed on the record; and for good cause shown,

**IT IS on this 22nd day of October, 2008,**

**ORDERED THAT:**

The request to extend the deadlines associated with class certification discovery and motion practice is granted as set forth herein;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:**

## I. COURT DATES

1. There shall be a telephone status conference as follows:

Date of Call

**February 11, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.**

Party to Initiate

**Defendant**

2. There will be a settlement conference before the Undersigned on **TO BE SET. Five (5) business days** before the conference, each party should submit a confidential memorandum to the Court, not to exceed 5 pages, summarizing the relevant facts, the respective legal positions, status of the case, and the client's position on settlement. Trial Counsel and clients with full settlement authority must attend the conference. If the trial counsel **and** client with full settlement authority do not appear, the settlement conference may be cancelled or rescheduled and the noncompliant party

and/or attorney may be sanctioned, which may include an assessment of the costs and expenses incurred by those parties who appeared as directed.

3. A final pretrial conference shall be conducted pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(d) on **June 30, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.** The Final Pretrial Conference will occur even if there are dispositive motions pending. The Court will adjourn the Final Pretrial conference only if the requesting party makes a compelling showing that manifest injustice would otherwise result absent adjournment.

## II. DISCOVERY AND MOTION PRACTICE

4. Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 disclosures are to be exchanged on or before **completed**.

5. Events necessary to engage in meaningful settlement discussions: resolution of class certification motion

6. a. The parties may serve interrogatories limited to **25** single questions including subparts and requests for production of documents on or before **deadline passed**, which shall be responded to no later than **August 20, 2008**.

b. Foreign evidence collection shall commence no later than **deadline passed**.

7. The number of depositions to be taken by each side shall not exceed **10**. No objections to questions posed at depositions shall be made other than as to lack of foundation, form or privilege. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 32(d) (3) (A). No instruction not to answer shall be given unless a privilege is implicated. The depositions are to be completed no later than **December 15, 2008**.

8. a. Class fact discovery shall be completed no later than **November 24, 2008**.

b. Merits fact discovery is to remain open through **December 15, 2008**. No discovery is to be issued or engaged in beyond that date, except upon application and for good cause shown.

9. Counsel shall confer in a good faith attempt to informally resolve any discovery disputes before seeking the Court's intervention. Should such informal effort fail to resolve the dispute, the matter shall be brought to the Court's attention in the first instance via a joint letter that sets forth: (a) the request, (b) the response; (c) efforts to resolve the dispute; (d) why the complaining party believes the information is relevant and why the responding party's response continues to be deficient; and (e) why the responding party believes the response is sufficient. No further submissions regarding the dispute may be submitted without leave of Court. If necessary, the Court will thereafter schedule a telephone conference to resolve the dispute.

No discovery motion or motion for sanctions for failure to provide discovery shall be made before utilizing the procedures set forth in these paragraphs without prior leave of Court.

Any unresolved discovery disputes (other than those that arise during depositions) must be brought before the Court no later than **deadline passed** and the Court will not entertain applications concerning discovery matters, informally or otherwise, after this date.

10. Any motion to amend pleadings or join parties must be filed by **deadline passed**.

11. a. The motion for class certification shall be filed no later than **February 13, 2009**. Any response shall be submitted no later than **February 23, 2009** and any reply shall be submitted no later than **March 9, 2009**. The return date shall be **March 16, 2009** before the Hon. Faith S. Hochberg. Her Honor's chambers will advise the parties if oral argument will be required.

b. All dispositive motions shall be discussed in advance of filing with the undersigned either in person or by teleconference. Any and all dispositive motions must be filed no later than **April 24, 2009** and must be comply with Local Rule 7.1. No pretrial dispositive motions will be entertained after that date. Absent a request for an extension under Judge Hochberg's rules or Local Civ. R. 7.1, any responses shall be submitted no later than **May 4, 2009** and any replies shall be submitted no later than **May 11, 2009**. The return date shall be **May 18, 2009** before the Hon. Faith S. Hochberg. Her Honor's chambers will advise the parties if oral argument will be required.

### III. EXPERTS

12. a. All class affirmative expert reports shall be delivered by **December 12, 2008**.

b. All class responding expert reports shall be delivered by **January 12, 2009**.

c. Class expert depositions shall be completed no later than **January 30, 2009**.

13. a. All merits affirmative expert reports shall be delivered by **March 12, 2009**

b. All merits responsive expert reports shall be delivered by **April 23, 2009**.

c. Merits experts depositions shall be completed no later than **May 27, 2009**.

14. All expert reports are to be in the form and content as required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(B). No expert shall testify at trial as to any opinions or base those opinions on facts not substantially disclosed in the experts report.

### IV. FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

15. A final pretrial conference shall be conducted pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(d) on **June 30, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.** The final pretrial conference will occur even if dispositive motions are pending. The Court will adjourn the Final Pretrial conference only if the requesting party makes a compelling showing that manifest injustice would otherwise result absent adjournment.

16. Not later than 20 working days before the pretrial conference, the parties shall exchange copies of all proposed trial exhibits. Each exhibit shall be pre-marked with an exhibit number conforming to the party's exhibit list.

17. All counsel are directed to assemble at the office of Plaintiff's counsel not later than **ten (10) days** before the pretrial conference to prepare the proposed Joint Final Pretrial Order in the form

and content required by the Court. Plaintiff's counsel shall prepare the Joint Pretrial Order and shall submit it to all other counsel for approval and execution.

18. With respect to non-jury trials, each party shall submit to the District Judge and to opposing counsel proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, trial briefs and any hypothetical questions to be put to an expert witness on direct examination.

19. The original of the Final Pretrial Order shall be delivered to the CHAMBERS of the Undersigned no later than **June 23, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.** All counsel are responsible for the timely submission of the Pretrial Order.

20. The Court expects to engage in meaningful settlement discussions at the final pretrial conference. Therefore, trial counsel who actually has full settlement authority must attend the conference and clients or other persons with full settlement authority must be available by telephone.

#### **V. MISCELLANEOUS**

21. The Court may from time to time schedule conferences as may be required, either sua sponte or at the request of a party.

22. Since all dates set forth herein are established with the assistance and knowledge of counsel, there will be no extensions except for good cause shown and by leave of Court, even with consent of all counsel.

23. A copy of every pleading, document or written communication with the Court shall be served on all other parties to the action. Any such communication which does not recite or contain a certification of such service may be disregarded by the Court.

24. Communications to the Court by facsimile will not be accepted. All communications to the Court shall be in writing or by telephone conference.

25. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF THIS ORDER MAY RESULT IN SANCTIONS.**

s/Patty Shwartz  
**UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**